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I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement issued on 7 November 1998 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, in regard to the latest developments in Tajikistan.

I would be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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United Nations

Annex

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Statement issued on 7 November 1998 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

In connection with the latest events in Tajikistan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been authorized to state the following:

As President N. Nazarbayev stressed in a recent telephone conversation with President E. Rakhmonov of the Republic of Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, as a guarantor of the inter-Tajik peace agreements signed in June 1997 in Moscow, steadfastly advocates the establishment of stable civil peace in Tajikistan and the maintenance of that State's territorial integrity.

Kazakhstan's leadership supports the policy of President Rakhmonov of Tajikistan aimed at achieving peace and national harmony.

Kazakhstan welcomes the successful actions taken by Tajikistan's Government forces to quell the rebellion and expresses the hope that that country's leaders, together with the United Tajik Opposition, will manage speedily to normalize the situation in the country and re-establish complete control over its entire territory.